THE EFFECT OF THE KINGS LETTERS PATENTS CONCERNING THE LOTTERY.

THat it ſhall and may be lawfull, to and for *Michael Tarker*, and *Everard Mainwaring* Gent: and either of them, their and either of their Executors, Adminiſtrators and Aſſignes, with the privity and allowance of Sir *John Hales* of *London* Knight, and *Iohn Angell* of *Crowhurſt*, in the County of *Surrey* Eſquier, to publiſh, or cauſe, and procure to be publiſhed in Writing or in Print, either in their or either of their name or names by vertue of the ſaid Letters Pattents, the Lottery or Lotteries in all Cities, Townes, Burroughs, Thorow-faires and other places within our Realme of England, or in as many of them as they ſhall thinke fit, for the bringing of certaine ſprings of cleere and wholeſome water in a cloſe Aquaduct of bricke, unto and for the uſe of the Cities of London, Weſtminſter, and the Suburbs of the ſame. And we will and command all Mayors, Iuſtices of Peace, Sheriffes, Bayliffes, Conſtables, and other our Officers and loving Subjects whatſoever, that in no wiſe they hinder, diſturbe or delay the progreſſe or proceeding of the ſaid Lotterie or Lotteries, but be therein and touching the Premiſſes aiding and aſſiſting by all honeſt, good and lawfull meanes and indeavours.

By His MAIESTIES ſaid *Patentees*.

The Lottery to be kept in Ruſſell Street within Coven Garden, doth containe Eighty foure thouſand Blanks, which at 12 pence a piece commeth to Foure thouſand two hundred pounds, and the number of Prizes which are mingled with the ſaid Blankes, are three thouſand and fifty, which amounts unto two thouſand one hundred forty ſix pounds, Eleven ſhillings and Nine pence, after the rate of five ſhillings and ſix pence the ounce for the white plate, and ſix ſhillings and foure pence for the gilt plate, which ſaid ſeverall Prizes of plate, ſhall be delivered to the winners, according to their ſeverall weight, and the Prizes of Crownes and two Crownes ſhall be preſently paid in ready money. The adventure for every Lot is twelve pence. For which every one ſhall have drawn by a childe eſpecially choſen by the two Overſeers, onely to avoid confuſion and diſorder, if every one ſhould preſſe to draw his owne Lot.

The Lottery beginneth the foureteenth day of *March* 1639.

The poore are forbidden to hazard their moneys, and to take notice of the diſadvantage, being twenty eight Blankes to a Prize, and all other perſons are required (by vertue of His Majeſties Letters Patents) not to diſturbe let nor hinder this buſineſſe (it being in their owne choice to adventure or not) and conſidering the money gained is not for any private uſe, but wholly and onely to be employed about the ſaid Water-workes, ſo uſefull and commodious unto the Cities of *London* and *Weſtminſter* and the places adjacent, and conſequently for all His Majeſties ſubjects in generall, whom upon their needfull occaſions daily and continually reſort thether.

That (beſides that all the Officers imployed about the Lottery are ſworne for their faithfull and upright dealing) to the end there ſhould be no deceit therein, or any defrauded of his right: We intreat all perſons to obſerve theſe three points. Firſt, that beſides His Majeſties two Overſeers the ſaid Sir *John Hales*, and *John Angell*, who have peruſed the number of the Prizes and Blankes, and can teſtifie that they accord both with this publication, and the Lottery booke, ſealed with the Seales of the ſaid Overſeers and *Patentees*, and ſubſcribed by the ſaid Overſeers and *Patentees*, and that the Blanks exceed not the number above expreſſed. Secondly, the ſaid Overſeers in the preſence of divers credible men of this Pariſh can teſtifie, upon their knowledge, that no Prize by any fraud is left out, neither is there any peece of Plate ſet up in the Lottery houſe which is not contained in the Lottery Box, and to be drawne for him whoſe fortune may be ſo good. And laſtly, the Box of Prizes being double locked is kept every night by the Overſeers or one of them, or ſome honeſt perſon deputed and truſted by them, and ſealed up by one of the *Patentees*, and the keyes of the Lottery Box, are to be kept by the ſaid Overſeers or ſome perſons of credit by them in their abſence intruſted, which courſe every day and night ſhall be conſtantly obſerved, during the drawing of the Lottery, And laſtly whereas diverſe complaints have beene made of great abuſe and deceit of perſons intruſted for fetching of Lots for others, who have furniſhed themſelves with blankes of their owne making, and ſo have taken moneys intruſted to them and have returned nothing but the ſaid blanks of their owne to the great prejudice and wrong of adventurers and ſcandall of the Lottery, it is earneſtly deſired that thoſe that truſt others to fetch their Lots, that they require that they be ſent to them ſealed up in a Paper with a Seale uſed for the Lottery for that purpoſe, which is a Flower Deluce and Crowne, by which meanes they ſhall not be changed, but every one ſhall be aſſured of his right fortune.

God ſave the King.